To F. J. G.

Leicester,
Dec. 18/70.

Dear Frank:

Has your father a copy of the new "Uncle Tom's Cabin"? If not, will you kindly take him one, at once, in my name & ask his acceptance of it from me? If he has that, please take one of the new vol. of poetry (E. P. Whipple's, or), if he has it not. I will call on you, on next going to Boston, & pay the bill.

My mother duly received your father's letter on Monday morning. It gave her very great gratification indeed, — as well it might, being so beautiful & perfect a piece of friendly letter-writing, as also so good & large in its human & future hopes & out look. Ade, who saw it afterwards, was greatly stirred by it, & could scarce leave talking of it. The poetical extract was new to us; but your father has a remarkably quick eye for gems of that kind. My best love to him, & to you all at this gracious season.

Sam. Mays.

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